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from: News of the day as reported in Philadelphia
newspapers, 1882-1887 (Scrapbook)

Providence, R. I.,
Feb. 10, 1888.

Dear Sir,

I received the packages of
papers which you sent me and,
was very much pleased with them.

And, although I have no scrap-
book, I can find a place for all of
the papers. I thank you kindly,
and wish that I had something
to send you, and perhaps I may
have sometime. At about half
past three, this afternoon, it
commenced to snow a little, and
steadily increasing, until, now,
(half past eight) it is quite deep, and
still continues to snow.

I go to High School, and like
it very much, though the studies

are quite hard for me. I was the first colored boy, to graduate, from the grammar-school, which I attended, in over ten years. The studies which I pursue, are Latin, Algebra and Physics.

I should like very much to visit the city of Philadelphia, because I have heard so much about it.

I suppose it has all the accommodations for winter sports. Providence contains, Roger Williams Park, presented to the city by Peter Williams, a descendant of Roger Williams, for a public park.

And in the summer a great many go there for picnics, also there are about thirty row-boats which let for 15 and 20 cents per. hour.

In winter thousands gather out there for skating and tobogganing, which is fine fun.

People from five, to sixty gather

out there for sport, either skating or tobogganing. I like the skating better, because it is cheaper.

You can skate on the lake free; but every toboggan which goes out demands 10 cents. But a party of five generally go down, and so that is 2 cents a piece, not very bad. I would be very glad to receive a letter from you, giving a few facts, about, the second city in size, of the United States.

Yours Truly,

Willie Ward

37 E. St. Prov. R. I.